



Lytton First Nation Request for Proposals Agriculture Business Plan

Lytton First Nation would like to hire a consulting firm to create and Agriculture plan that also includes, land use and agriculture zoning, and a business plan that looks at environmentally approved greenhouses, and big science farming that is sustainable and profitable within 2 years.

Description: Lytton First Nation would like to create an assessment of their 56 reserves and identify areas that would be valuable for farming, greenhouses, and food storage to support a new agriculture program. In addition, LFN would like to develop a business plan to create a very large Agriculture program that is viable and is able to generate revenue to support a workforce, community food security, and a profit.

Community Needs: LFN does not have an industry in their community to support community employment for its membership that is over 2,033 people. LFNs greatest resources are the 56 reserves and the optimal growing environment that is known in Canada has the hottest place in the country. Lytton First Nation currently does not have large energy efficient greenhouses, or community and revenue focused farms. In addition traditional food sources such as steelhead are now becoming extinct and the community needs to address concerns of accessible foods that could also provide protein. Finally, LFN is the site of Residential school and the community would like to support a healing program, and any profit generated from an Agricultural program in a few years could be used to support such a program. The LFN agriculture program would provide education, employment, food security, and profit to support other programs.

LFN has an Agriculture Committee who would overlook the project expert and assist with information on Agriculture zoning, and the development of the feasibility study. The business plan would identify partners with the development of greenhouses who would invest in capital and assist with training of staff. The business plan would be developed to highlight innovative farming that incorporates green choices and environmentally progressive methods that conserve water, electricity, and space.

1. The Consultant would work with the LFN Lands Department to identify areas for Agriculture
 2. The Consultant would work with the Operations and Maintenance department to identify areas with useable water sources
 3. The Consultant would meet with LFN Economic Development department to look at products, sales, marketing, and costs of production
 4. The Consultant would meet with LFN Human Resources and Social Development to discuss work force needs, resources, and training
 5. The Consultant would meet with health department to discuss food security and community kitchen products
 6. The Consultant will present Agriculture Business plan to Agriculture Club and revise
 7. The Consultant would present the final draft to the Band Council
- The plan is implemented with partners to support funding, or it used to apply for additional funds to support the project, such as CIHR, NDTI or BC Rural Dividend funds.

Please submit your 3-page proposal with 4-month timeline and budget, and at least one example of a previously established Agriculture Plan, by May 16th attention:

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